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47.305-4 F.o.b. destination solicita tions.

- (a) When preparing f.o.b destination solicitations, the contracting officer shall refer to 47.303 for the prescription of f.o.b. destination clauses relating to standard delivery terms.
- (b) If f.o.b. destination only offers are desired, the solicitation shall state that offers submitted on a basis other than f.o.b. destination will be rejected as nonresponsive.
- (c) When supplies will or may be purchased f.o.b. destination but inspection and acceptance will be at origin, the contracting officer shall insert in solicitations and contracts the clause at 52.247–48, F.o.b. Destination—Evidence of Shipment.

47.305-5 Destination unknown.

- (a)(1) When destinations are unknown, solicitations shall be f.o.b. origin only.
- (2) The contracting officer shall include in the contract file justifications for such solicitations.
- (b)(1) When the exact destination of the supplies to be acquired is not known, but the general location of the users can be reasonably established, the acquiring activity shall designate tentative destinations for the purpose of computing transportation costs, showing estimated quantities for each tentative destination.
- (2) The contracting officer shall insert in solicitations the provision at 52.247–49, Destination Unknown, when destinations are tentative and only for the purpose of evaluating offers.
- (3) If it is necessary to control subsequent shipping weights, the solicitation shall state that subsequent shipments shall be made in carloads or truckloads (see the clause at 52.247–59, F.o.b. Origin—Carload and Truckload Shipments).
- (c)(1) When exact destinations are not known and it is impracticable to establish tentative or general delivery places for the purpose of evaluating transportation costs, the contracting officer shall insert in solicitations the

provision at 52.247–50, No Evaluation of Transportation Costs.

(2) The solicitation shall also state that the transportation costs of subsequent shipments must be controlled (see, for example, the clause at 52.247–61, F.o.b. Origin—Minimum Size of Shipments).

47.305-6 Shipments to ports and air terminals.

- (a) When supplies are acquired on the basis of the delivery terms in 47.303–8 through 47.303–16, the solicitation shall include a requirement that the offeror furnish the Government the following information:
- (1) When the delivery term is f.a.s. vessel, port of shipment, f.o.b. vessel, port of shipment, or f.o.b. inland carrier, point of exportation, the required data shall include—
- (i) A delivery schedule in number of units and/or long or short tons;
- (ii) Maximum quantities available per shipment;
- (iii) The quantity that can be made available for loading to vessel per running day of 24 hours (if acquisition involves a commodity to be shipped in bulk);
- (iv) The minimum leadtime required to make supplies available for loading to vessel; and
- (v) The port and pier or other designation and, when applicable, the maximum draft of vessel (in feet) that can be accommodated.
- (2) When the delivery term is f.o.b. inland point, country of importation or f.o.b. designated air carrier's terminal, point of importation, the required data shall include—
- (i) A delivery schedule in number of units and/or long or short tons;
- (ii) Maximum quantities available per shipment; and
- (iii) Other data appropriate to shipment by air carrier.
- (3) When the delivery term is ex dock, pier, or warehouse, port of importation or c.& f. destination, the required data shall include—
- (i) A delivery schedule in number of units and/or long or short tons;
- (ii) Maximum quantities available per shipment; and
- (iii) The number of containers or units that can be loaded in a car,

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truck, or other conveyance of the size normally used (specify type and size) for the commodity.

- (4) When the delivery term is c.i.f. destination, the required data shall include—
- (i) The same as specified in 47.305-6(a)(3); and
- (ii) The amount and type of marine insurance coverage; e.g., whether the coverage is With Average or Free of Particular Average and whether it covers any special risks or excludes any of the usual risks associated with the specific commodity involved.
- (5) When the delivery term is f.o.b. designated air carrier's terminal, point of exportation, the required data shall include—
- (i) A delivery schedule in number of units, type of package, and individual weight and dimensions of each package:
- (ii) Minimum leadtime required to make supplies available for loading into aircraft:
- (iii) Name of airport and location to which shipment will be delivered; and
- (iv) Other data appropriate to shipment by air carrier.
- (b) When supplies are acquired for known destinations outside CONUS and originate within CONUS, the contracting officer shall, for transportation evaluation purposes, note in the solicitation the CONUS port of loading or point of exit (aerial or water) and the water port of debarkation that serves the overseas destination.
- (c) The contracting officer may also, for evaluation purposes, list in the solicitation other CONUS ports that meet the eligibility criteria compatible with the nature and quantity of the supplies, their destination, type of carrier required, and specified overseas delivery dates. This permits offerors that are geographically remote from the port that normally serves the overseas destination to be competitive as far as transportation costs are concerned.
- (d) Unless logistics requirements limit the ports of loading to the ports listed in the solicitation, the solicitation shall state that—
- (1) Offerors may nominate additional ports (including ports in Alaska and Hawaii) more favorably located to their shipping points; and

- (2) These ports will be considered in the evaluation of offers if they possess all requisite capabilities of the listed ports in relation to the supplies being acquired.
- (e) When supplies are to be exported through CONUS ports and offers are solicited on an f.o.b. origin or f.o.b. destination basis, the contracting officer shall insert in solicitations the provision at 52.247–51, Evaluation of Export Offers. The contracting officer shall use the provision with its—
- (1) Alternate I, when the CONUS ports of export are DOD water terminals;
- (2) Alternate II, when offers are solicited on an f.o.b. origin only basis; or
- (3) Alternate III, when offers are solicited on an f.o.b. destination only basis.
- (f)(1) When the supplies are to move in the Defense Transportation System (DTS) (see 47.301–3), the contract shall specify that—
- (i) A Transportation Control Movement Document (TCMD) must be dispatched to the appropriate DOD air or water clearance authority in accordance with MILSTAMP procedures for all shipments consigned to DOD air or water terminal transshipment points;
- (ii) An Export Release must be obtained for supplies to be transshipped via a water port of loading to overseas destinations, except for shipments for which an Export Release is not required, generally shipments of less than 10,000 pounds, (see paragraph 202024 of the Defense Traffic Management Regulation (AR 55–355, NAVSUP 4600.70, MCO 4600.14A, AFM 75–2, DLAR 4500.3).
- (2) When shipments will be consigned to DOD air or water terminal transshipment points, the contracting officer shall insert in solicitations and contracts the clause at 52.247-52, Clearance and Documentation Requirements—Shipments to DOD Air or Water Terminal Transshipment Points.
- (g) When a contract will not generate any shipments that require an Export Release, only the DOD CONUS ports that serve the overseas destination shall be listed in the solicitation (see MILSTAMP at 47.301–3), except that the responsible contracting officer may limit the water ports listed when such

limitation is considered necessary to meet delivery or other requirements.

- (h) The award shall specify the United States ports of loading that afford the lowest overall cost to the overseas destination.
- (i) When supplies will be from origins outside CONUS to destinations either within or outside CONUS, the contracting officer shall use the appropriate f.o.b. term and include evaluation-of-offers information.
- (j) In furtherance of the Cargo Preference Act of 1954 (46 U.S.C. 1241(b)), to encourage and foster the American Merchant Marine, the port of delivery of supplies originating outside the United States and shipped by ocean vessel shall be based on the availability of United States-flag vessels between the ports involved, unless the acquiring activity has given other specific instructions. (See subpart 47.5—Ocean Transportation by U.S.-Flag Vessels.)
- (k) For application of the Fly America Act to the transportation of supplies and personnel when the Government is responsible for the transportation costs, see subpart 47.4—Air Transportation by U.S.-Flag Carriers.
- (l) Military and civilian agencies shall obtain assistance from transportation offices in connection with all export shipments (see 47.105).

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47.305-7 Quantity analysis, direct delivery, and reduction of crosshauling and backhauling.

- (a) Quantity analysis. (1) The requiring activity shall consider the acquisition of carload or truckload quantities.
- (2) When additional quantities of the supplies being acquired can be transported at lower unit transportation costs or with a relatively small increase in total transportation costs, with no impairment to the program schedule, the contracting officer shall ascertain from the requiring activity whether there is a known requirement for additional quantities. This may be the case, for example, when the additional quantity could profitably be stored by the activity for future use, or could be distributed advantageously to several using activities on the same

transportation route or in the same geographical area.

- (b) Direct delivery. When it is the usual practice of a requiring activity to acquire supplies in large quantities for shipment to a central point and subsequent distribution to using activities, as needed, consideration shall be given, if sufficient quantities are involved to warrant scheduling direct delivery, to the feasibility of providing for direct delivery from the contractor to the using activity, thereby reducing the cost of transportation and handling.
- (c) Crosshauling and backhauling. The contracting officer shall select distribution and transshipment facilities intermediate to origins and ultimate destinations to reduce crosshauling and backhauling; i.e., the transportation of personal property of the same kind in opposite directions or the return of the property to or through areas previously traversed in shipment.

47.305-8 Consolidation of small shipments and the use of stopoff privileges.

- (a) Consolidation of small shipments. Consolidation of small shipments into larger lots frequently results in lower transportation costs. Therefore, the contracting officer, after consultation with the transportation office and the activity requiring the supplies, may revise the delivery schedules to provide for deliveries in larger quantities.
- (b) Stopping for partial unloading. When feasible, schedules for delivery of supplies to multiple destinations shall be consolidated and the stopoff privileges permitted under carrier tariffs shall be used for partial unloading at one or more points directly en route between the point of origin and the last destination.

47.305-9 Commodity description and freight classification.

(a) Generally, the freight rate for supplies is based on the rating applicable to the freight classification description published in tariffs filed with Federal and State regulatory bodies. Therefore, the contracting officer shall show in the solicitation a complete description of the commodity to be acquired and of packing requirements to